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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension	Resources	$
1993	Net IPF	480 000
	Estimated cost-sharing	987 000
		1 467 000

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I. JUSTIFICATION

1. The fourth country programme for Trinidad and Tobago was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session for the period 1988-1991. In March 1993, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, elected in December 1991, requested an extension of the country programme to review arrangements for the fifth country programme. The Government and UNDP are currently finalizing that review, which includes an examination of the cost-sharing resources likely to be available to the fifth programme. The review will be concluded during 1993, and the new programme will be submitted to the Governing Council at its regular session in June 1994.

II. OBJECTIVES

2. The objectives of the fourth country programme remain valid for the duration of the extension. They are: (a) diversification of the production structure; (b) reduced reliance on external resources for technological development; (c) improved social and economic infrastructure; (d) enhanced delivery of services to low-income groups.

3. The extension of the country programme takes place at a time when a long period of decline of the economy, precipitated largely by falling oil revenues, appears to have come to the end. However, structural adjustment measures currently being implemented are likely to exacerbate social problems in the short term. Measures have been put in place by the Government to mitigate some of the negative consequences of the recovery process, particularly as it affects children; low-income earners; low-skilled, unemployed youth and other vulnerable socio-economic groups. The Youth Training and Employment Programme, the Small Business Development Programme and various incentives for small-scale industries, are particulary relevant in this regard.

III. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

4. In pursuit of the national objectives listed above, the following five projects will be carried over from the fourth cycle programme period into the extension period: Improvement of national archives, Hydrographic development, Meteorological applications, Marine pollution and Institutional strengthening of planning and project management cycle. Activities in the last-named project will be designed to help the Government to attain its objective of improved public-sector management.

5. In view of the country's natural resources endowment, the domestically and externally financed Public Sector Investment Programme continues to place emphasis on investments in the natural resources sector, particularly in the area of mineral resources and petroleum exploration and exploitation. UNDP may assist in these areas, especially in the preparation and articulation of a policy framework which will give appropriate attention to environmental concerns and sustainable exploitation. The establishment of an environment management agency is currently under consideration.

6. Under the Global Environment Facility (GEF), project activities related to global warming, and in particular to conversion and end-use efficiencies in the petroleum, energy and fertilizer sectors, are expected to continue. Institutional strengthening for integrated coastal-zone management and the formulation of appropriate arrangements for a national programme of action under Agenda 21, in which public-sector initiatives are integrated with action taken by local community groups and non-governmental organizations. Support in these areas will be sought under UNDP's Capacity 21 arrangements.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

7. The Administrator recommends that the Governing Council approve the second extension of the fourth country programme for Trinidad and Tobago.

V. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED RESOURCES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR PROGRAMMING:

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A.	Ongoing country programme	
	Fourth-cycle IPF	2 364 000
	Carry-over/borrowing (third cycle)	(43 000)
	Carry-over/borrowing (fifth cycle)	320 000
	Project cost-sharing	73 000
	Programme cost-sharing	4 075 000
	Estimated expenditures 1992	2 315 000 a/
	Total	9 104 000
B.	Anticipated resource needs for extension period b/	
	IPF	480 000
	Programme cost-sharing	902 000
	Project cost-sharing	85 000
	Total	1 467 000
C.	Fifth cycle balance available after extension period	
	Fifth-cycle IPF	1 891 000
	Fourth cycle borrowing	(320 000)
	1992 expenditure	(140 000)
	Subtotal	1 431 000
	Unprogrammed reserve	(473 000)
	Available IPF	958 000
	Cost-sharing	-
	Total	-

a/ Including IPF expenditure of $140,000.

b/ In the fifth programming cycle, a minimum of $600,000 will be available as programme cost-sharing from interest earned on cost-sharing balances held by UNDP.